GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXCHANGE OF ENCLAVES BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH
NITISH SENGUPTA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an inordinate delay in the exchange of Enclaves between India and Bangladesh although Indira-Mujib Treaty of 1972 provided for an outright exchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether lots of problems have cropped up for the Indian residents of Brahmattar-Kuchlibari area on account of transfer of the lease of Teen Bigha Corridor to Bangladesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps the Government propose to take to mitigate the sufferings of the residents who are facing difficulties in transiting between Enclaves and Mainland?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) The enclaves are to be exchanged as per the India - Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974. The exchange of enclaves is directly linked to the completion of joint demarcation of the boundary between India and Bangladesh. The joint demarcation of about 6.5 kms of the India-Bangladesh land boundary is yet to be completed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Does not arise.